

WO-311
Mary B. Vincent House
Snow Hill
Private

c. 1860

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: MARY B. VINCENT HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WO-311

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
AGRARAIN/INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION
1815-1870
- 4) Resource Type(s):
SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. W0-311

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic MARY B. VINCENT HOUSE

and/or common GEORGE W. COULBOURN HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 105 North Church Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Snow Hill ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Randall J. Mariner

street & number 105 North Church Street telephone no.:

city, town Snow Hill state and zip code MD 21863

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber FWH 183

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 267

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Historically known as the Mary B. Vincent house and called more commonly the George W. Coulbourn house, this two-and-a-half story gable front frame dwelling stands 105 North Church Street in the center of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The house faces southwest with the principal gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built around 1860, this two-and-a-half story side hall/double-pile frame house is supported by a low brick foundation, and it is sheathed with a layer of aluminum siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with a layer of asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a shorter two-story wing.

The southwest (main) elevation is an asymmetrical two-bay facade with a side entrance and flanking paired four-over-four sash windows. The heavily molded four-panel front door is flanked by two-light sidelights and topped by a three-light transom. The front door and the adjacent window opening is framed by louvered shutters. The second floor is pierced by two evenly spaced paired four-over-four sash windows also hung with louvered shutters. Illuminating the attic is a paired four-over-four sash window opening retaining louvered shutters as well. Trimmed the corners of the house are wide pilasters, and the eave to the roof is extended with returns at the base. Fixed in the upper gable is a small eave decoration. A brick chimney protrudes through the roof and is finished with a corbelled cap.

The northwest side of the house is marked by a projecting gable entry on the first floor flanked by a paired four-over-four sash window. The second floor is lighted by evenly spaced four-over-four sash windows that retain louvered shutters. Centered on the north roof slope is a large cross gable that is enhanced with the same eave decoration and pierced by a single four-over-four sash window. The south side, finished with similar features, is extended with a single-story bay window.

The shorter two-story rear wing is lighted by six-over-six sash windows, and a screened in porch is attached to the southeast side. Rising on the northeast gable end is an exterior brick stack. The brick chimney formerly rose between rooms when another room extended farther back from the current rear wing. Due to the delapidated condition of the back room it was torn away when the house was remodeled.

The interiors of the house retain mid nineteenth century woodwork common to the 1860s. A heavily turned Civil War era newel post and turned balusters support an oval profile handrail with the main stair. Surviving in the rear wing, which appears to be contemporary or perhaps slightly older, are sections of horizontal board wainscoting and a patched floor where a old stair was formerly located. The roof to both sections was rebuilt during the late nineteenth century.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone

Easting

Northing

B

Zone

Easting

Northing

C

E

G

D

F

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| | | | |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| state | code | county | code |
| state | code | county | code |

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private consultant/Worcester Co. date 3/25/89

street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 301-651-1094

city or town Westover state MD 21871

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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MARY B. VINCENT HOUSE
105 North Church Street
Snow Hill, Maryland
Chain of title

FWH 183/267

Mollie C. Stevens

to

Randall J. and Joanne Mariner

FWH 181/38

Charlotte C. Dryden

to

8/17/1964

Mollie C. Stevens

FWH 181/34

A. Hartley Stevens, Jr.
Mollie C. Stevens

to

8/17/1964

Charlotte C. Dryden

CWN 10/522

James W. Hancock

to

8/17/1946

A. Hartley Stevens
Molly C. Stevens

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CWN 9/545

James S. Onley
Elizabeth B. Onley

to

4/30/1946

James W. Hancock

JEB 12/235

Arthur E. Landers, Jr.
Hilda Landers

to

6/17/1942

James and Elizabeth Onley

BB 31/126

Nancy C. Landers, et al.

to

11/30/1936

Arthur E. Landers, Jr.

SMC 56/389

Arthur E. Landers

to

4/11/1927

Nancy C. Landers

ODC 49/140

Goldsborough G. Coulbourn, Executor of the
last will and testament of George W.
Coulbourn, deceased

to

12/15/1923

Arthur E. Landers

\$6,750.00 "Homeplace of George W. Coulbourn"

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FHP 17/232 Lavinia L. Marshall
to

8/11/1902 George W. Coulbourn
\$2,800.00

ITM 9/492 Edward D. Marshall
to

4/7/1883 Lavinia L. Marshall

ITM 3/472 William H. W. Farrow
Alice H. Farrow
to

1/8/1875 Edward D. Marshall
\$2,000.00

GHR 3/366 John E. Hayward
to

9/2/1868 William H. W. Farrow
\$2,500

GHR 3/67 James B. R. Purnell
Elizabeth Purnell
to

11/12/1867 John E. Hayward
\$2,500.00

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GHR 2/200

Mary B. Vincent

to

6/1/1866

James B. R. Purnell

\$2,000

JAP 1/239

Samuel Johnson, and wife

to

3/18/1857

Mary B. Vincent

Lots 57 and ~~56~~₅₆ Church Street

EDM 5/359

John P. Robins

to

6/21/1853

Samuel Johnson, Sr.

\$1,100.00 Lots 54, 55, 56, 57

EDM 3/169

David Richardson and wife
Ann J. Richardson

to

10/4/1851

John P. Robins

\$1,200.00 Lots 54, 55, 56, 57

GMH 9/17

James W. Bishop
Esther A. Bishop

to

3/17/1846

David Richardson \$750 Lots 54, 55, 56, 57

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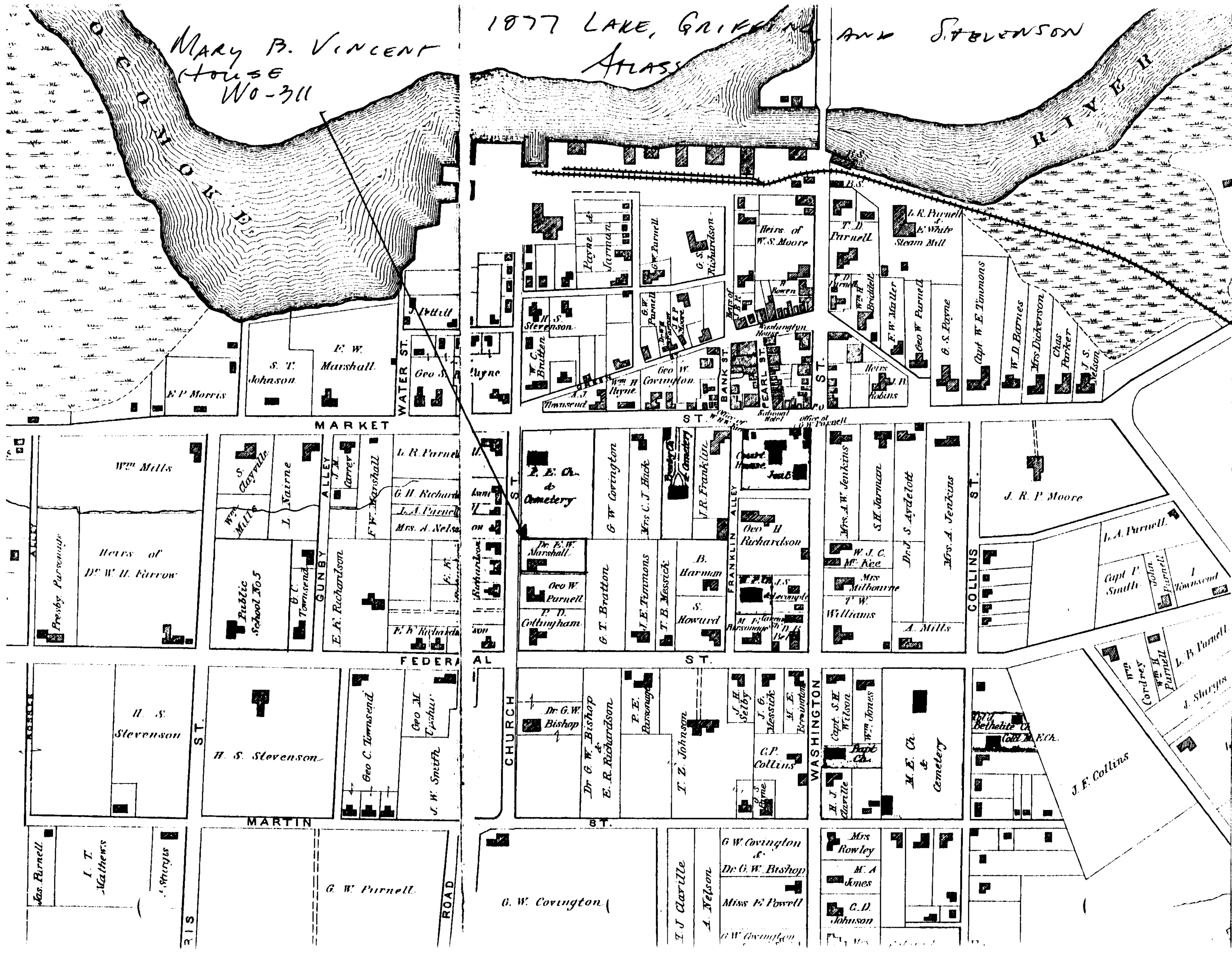
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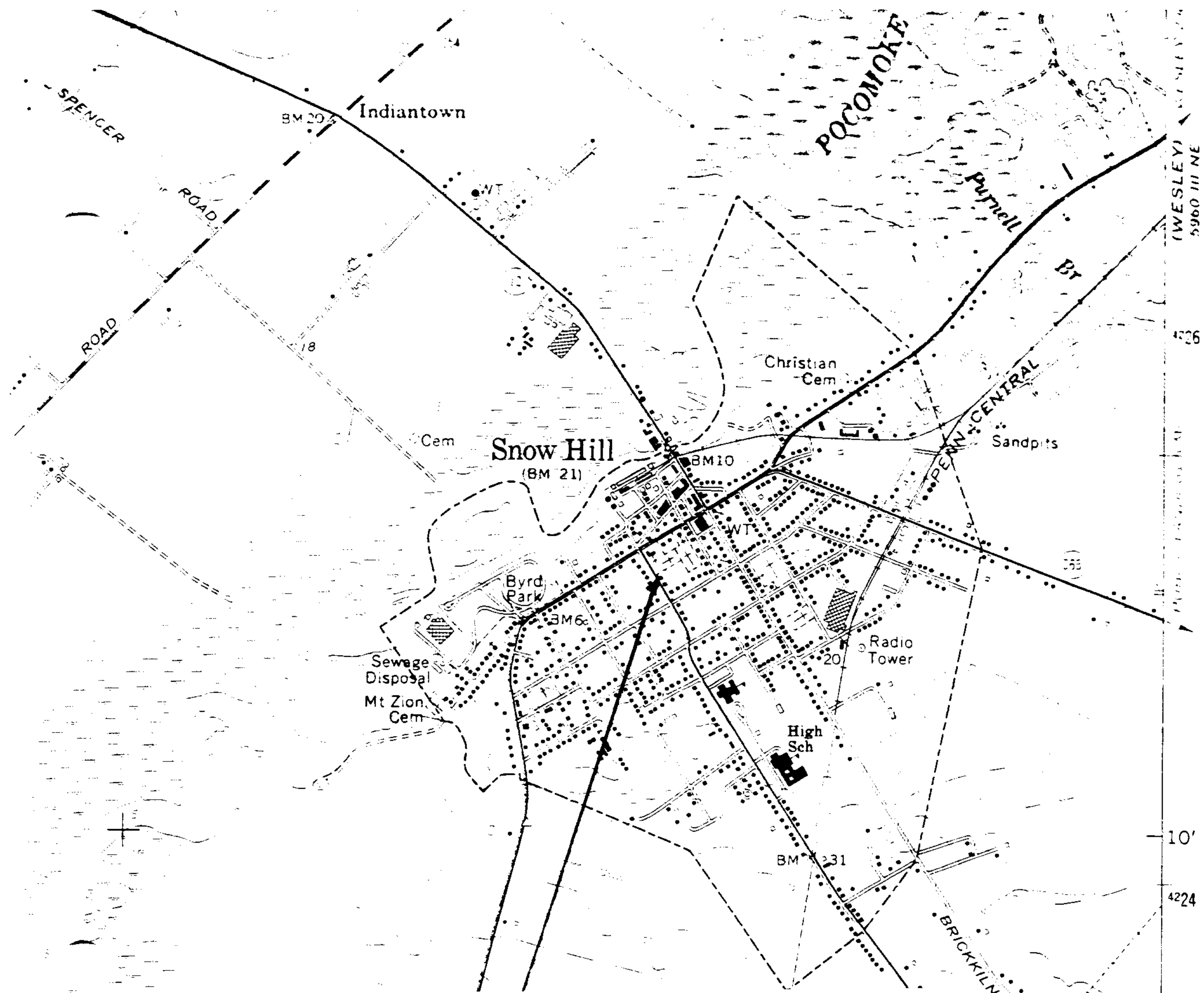
last will and testament of
William Bishop, late of Worcester County

to

Children, James W. Bishop
Esther A. Bishop

1877 LAKE, GRICKEN and STENLONSON
GLASS





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 MARY B. VINCENT HOUSE
 Snow Hill, Maryland Quadrangle
 1966

